

U. S. Patent Application No. 10/786,984
Preliminary Amendment Dated August 27, 2004

Remarks

For purposes of consolidating examination of claims from several applications into a single application, certain claims from U. S. Patent Application Nos. 10/786,808 and 10/793,423 are transferred herein. New claims 45-49 are transferred from U. S. Patent Application No. 10/786,808 and new claims 50-70 are transferred from U. S. Patent Application No. 10/793,423.

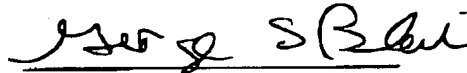
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

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